GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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OPENING OF DUTY FREE SHOPS IN HOTELS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Duty Free Shops are available only at the airports;

(b) if so, whether the Government are planning to open duty free shops in the hotels and other places;

(c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(d) the total earning by ITDC from the existing duty free shops and likely to be increased by opening shops in hotels and other places?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): ITDC has no scheme to open duty free shops in hotels or any places other than airports.

(d): The total turnover of ITDC from duty free shops was Rs.84.51 crores (Prov.) forthe year 2000-01. Since there is no proposal to open duty free shops in hotels or any other place, the question of increasing turnover due to that effect does not arise.